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Work and Workers

Brother D. A. Hokins reports another accession to the church at College Corner, Indiana.

Brother A. J. Hixson has moved from Kansas City to Parsons, Kansas, where he expects to make his future home.

Brother Jacob W. Beer, Nickerson, Kansas, reports three accessions by confession and baptism to the congregation at that place.

Sister Flora, whose home is in Des Moines, Iowa, has charge of the Brooklyn and Garrison congregations in that State and is doing successful work.

Brother Livengood makes a good argument in his short article in favor of the obedience of feet washing. The quotation from Beecher is striking.

The reader will be interested in the "Acrostic" by brother J. W. Beer published in this issue. The use of tobacco in all its forms is growing more and more into disfavor.

The Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia Conference of the Brethren church will be held at St. James, Md., May 21, 22, 23. We are in receipt of the program prepared for this Conference which will be published next week.

Brother Fox is encouraged with the prospects in his charge as he sees the work gradually enlarging. He expects Brother Menaugh to conduct a series of revival meetings in the Oakville congregation sometime during the month of May.

Some one (a sister we presume) from North English, Mich., sends us a report of the S. S. C. E. work in the congregation from that place. If the sister will kindly send us her name and address we shall be very glad to publish her report.

Brother J. C. Mackey seems to be well pleased with his new field of labor. His reception was such that would naturally make him feel at home among the people who have called him to serve them in the capacity as pastor. We bespeak for pastor and people pleasant relations and successful work for the Lord.

It is time that we should be hearing something more about the National Conference. Let us begin now to agitate, and keep it up until conference time. Only a skeleton of the program has been prepared and published thus far, leaving the details of the program for the several departments of our church work to be prepared by those who have charge of this work. Let this be done now.

Brother Lyon recently enjoyed a very pleasant visit to New York city where he visited the German Baptist Brother in charge of the mission of that church; also had the privilege of visiting with Dr. Furry who is doing such excellent work

as a missionary among the lower classes of the city. He reports another accession to the Washington Mission.

Brother Cassel reports some very interesting and unique experiences at the conference of Triune Immersionists recently held at Dexter, Maine. It is, as Brother Cassel very truthfully and aptly remarks, very remarkable that a people who have so much of the Word, and who get so close to the gospel in the practice of the ordinances, should yet get so far away from it in holding to that which is not the gospel.

Sister Mary Stutzman speaks in terms of praise of the work done by Brother Grisso while pastor of the Bryan and Bethesda congregations and expresses regret that so good a man should leave them. We are glad to learn of the faithful service Brother Grisso has rendered these churches, and while his resignation will mean a loss to them, it is safe to say that some other congregation will gain by it. May the Lord bless both the pastor and the people whom he has served.

In the last few issues of this paper the Sister's department has been kept well filled with interesting reports from a number of local societies; and helpful and suggestive letters from the President of the Society, Sister Detwiler. This week appears a long but very suggestive article by Sister Switzer on how the societies may double their number and usefulness. For next week there is already a report on hand. It is to be hoped that the Sisters will keep up this correspondence and thus make their department both interesting and helpful.

Please keep in mind the date of the Ohio State Conference to be held at Ashland, June 5 and 6, immediately following the College Commencement Exercises. Brother Gillin delivers the address, and by coming a day earlier visitors will enjoy hearing the address and other exercises of the day. We confidently expect this coming Conference to be the largest and best ever held in the State. You can not afford to miss it, nor can any congregation afford not to be represented. Elect your delegates now.

A Rector of the Episcopalian church in Central Pennsylvania sends a slip to his parishoners asking them to name any subject or text upon which a sermon would be especially helpful to them, and deposit it in a box prepared for the purpose. He hopes in this way "to be of more service to his congregation, whose confidence in this matter will give him sincere pleasure." We recommend this plan to our ministering Brethren as one that will no doubt prove helpful to both preacher and congregation. It is at least worthy a trial.

The doctrinal number of the EVANGELIST, announcement of which has appeared from time to time in the Publisher's Department of this paper, will be more than a doctrinal number. The contents of the forthcoming number will be treated editorially next week, giving also the names of the contributors. It is our plan and purpose to make this the best doctrinal and literary number of the EVANGELIST ever issued from this office, and one that will be a permanent addition to the literature of the Brethren church.

Troy has recently enjoyed a four weeks' meeting conducted by Brother White, of Pleasant Hill, assisted by the pastor, Brother Mikesell, and also by Brother Kimmel of Dayton. One accession by confession and baptism has been reported. It affords us pleasure to announce that the work at

Troy is putting on new life, and we may yet recover our lost ground in that field. The Sunday school recently organized with 27 members has already grown into more than fifty, and the prospects for what was once a flourishing church is brightening.

Brother I. D. Bowman is laying broad and deep the foundation for the cause of the Brethren church in that part of the city of Philadelphia to which he is now giving his time and service. Brother Bowman, as is well known by our readers, is a deeply consecrated and hard working man, and when he takes hold of a work seldom lets go without the blessing and joy of success. His influence as a gospel preacher is making itself felt in that large city, and we have reasons to believe that much good will come from the consecrated service which he is giving the people.

We are glad to learn of the very excellent work Brother Braker is doing in the several congregations in his charge. The support a congregation gives to the church's missionary enterprises is always a fair index to the spiritual life and activity of the people. Last Sabbath a week ago Brother Braker succeeded in raising more than the amount of missionary money apportioned to both Akenytown and North Liberty congregations. This speaks well for both the congregations and the pastor. It means that the people have been properly instructed in their several duties to the church at large. Let us hope that all the pastors in the State will do likewise, and bring to the Conference to be held at Ashland early in June a report that will be an encouragement and an inspiration to the churches in the State and thus stimulate them to yet greater efforts in this very important department of our church work.

Literary Notes

In order to organize odd minutes into fruitful hours one must have a consistent scheme and keep the means of carrying it out within reach, says Hamilton W. Mable, in the May Ladies' Home Journal. Too many people read the books which come in their way instead of putting themselves in the way of getting the right books. They buy and borrow without thought or plan because they do not understand that reading ought to be a resource as well as a recreation. Decide in advance what books you will read, and do not take up with those which drift in your direction. Do not burden yourself with a scheme so extensive that it discourages you; do not, at the start, plan courses of reading so vast that you are weighed down with their magnitude. Begin in a quiet and easy way by planning to read consecutively a few books in some field which interests you.

There are several notable pictorial features of peculiarly timely interest and also others of an artistic flavor in the Magazine Number of The Outlook for May. In the first class may be named that describing District Attorney Jerome's official home on the East Side of New York, and that on the King of Spain, who becomes King in act as well as in name, by General Stewart L. Woodford, formerly United States Minister to Spain. Art and Music are respectively represented by an article on the great Spanish painter Sorolla, written by one of his pupils and illustrated by reproductions of paintings and original sketches, and by a thoughtful critical and personal article on the work of Grieg by Daniel Gregory Mason. Western